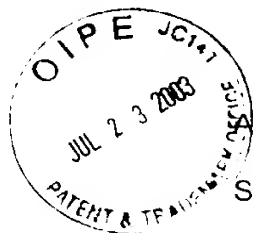


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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated January 31, 2003 of the Primary Examiner, finally rejecting claims 1 - 4, 7 - 10 and 13 - 23. The items below are appropriate:

The fee of \$320.00 for this Notice is enclosed.

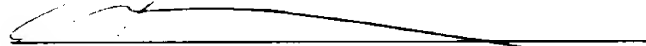
A Petition for Extension of Time for filing this Notice is attached hereto, together with the appropriate fee.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 612.38493VV3), and
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Respectfully submitted,

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